Protecting the Aquifer 1993 1978 1980 EPA designates the Spokane County and Spokane County Spokane County, DEQ, and PHD host a National Conference Protecting the Aquifer is a joint effort by agencies and Aquifer as a "Sole Panhandle Health Health District creates Source Aquifer" under District initiate a Ground a Renewable On-Site on Wellhead Protection in Coeur Section 1424(e) of the Sewage Permit Program d'Alene, Idaho. organizations in Washington Water Monitoring Program for the Aquifer. that requires regular and Idaho including: Spokane Safe Drinking Water Act. inspection of septic tanks. County, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Panhandle Health District (PHD), the City of Spokane, DEQ adopts guidelines for the Spokane Aquifer Joint 1981 1988 land applying wastewater 1977 Board and the Washington Spokane County writes City of Spokane adopts over the Aquifer. Panhandle Health District Department of Ecology. The Hazardous Waste Treatment a Comprehensive (PHD) begins to actively federal Environmental Protection and Storage Zoning. Wastewater Agency (EPA) has greatly assisted manage wastewater over the Management Plan. Spokane County adopts Aquifer: New development the Aquifer protection efforts by 1998 an Existing Underground over the Aquifer is limited first declaring the Spokane Valley Storage Tank Ordinance. City of Spokane to one septic system for - Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer a and the Spokane every five acres. PHD enters "Sole Source Aquifer," then **Aquifer Joint** into Sewage Management providing annual funding from Board publish 1983 Agreements with cities to 1988 through 1995 for aquifer a wellhead Spokane County creates PHD prohibits new encourage growth near urban protection projects. This page protection plan. an Aquifer Sensitive commercial septic centers where sewer lines illustrates many past Aquifer tanks over Aquifer. would eventually be installed. Area Overlay Zone. protection activities. Page 4 1975 1990 2000 1980 1985 1995 1980 1992 2004 DEQ designates the Aquifer as a Kootenai County builds USGS begins data "special resource water" in Idaho, a permanent Household collection for a new thereby granting the Aquifer the Hazardous Waste multi-year study of highest level of state protection. Collection Facility, the Aquifer. 1976 partially funded by DEQ. Local citizens and environmental groups petition the EPA to designate the Aquifer as 1999 1986 a "Sole Source Aquifer". Local efforts to halt City of Spokane passes 1990 a new train refueling a Critical Materials depot evolves into a PHD adopts a Critical Ordinance to protect grasssroots group, Materials Regulation. the Aquifer from 1979 "Friends of the Aquifer." hazardous materials. Spokane County and City of Spokane adopt a Water Quality Management Plan. 1996 1997 1977 Rathdrum Prairie Local "208" studies DEQ designates Aquifer 1988 **Aquifer Policy Committee** are completed, and as a "Sensitive Resource U.S. Congress provides evaluates Idaho Aquifer the sources of Aquifer Aquifer" in the state **Aquifer Protection** Program and recommends pollution are identified. Ground Water Quality Rule. Funding through the EPA. its continuation.